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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, and responsive to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003 (Paper No. 23), which the Examiner has made final, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, July 10, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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